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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring attorney Gerald N. Jacobowitz upon the celebration of his 50th year of legal practice

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor attorney Gerald N. Jacobowitz upon the celebration of his 50th year of legal practice; this milestone will be celebrated on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame, Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Gerald N. Jacobowitz has distinguished himself in the practice of law, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues, peers, community and clients; and

WHEREAS, Gerald N. Jacobowitz is a graduate of Colgate University, magna cum laude - Phi Beta Kappa, and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1958 from the New York University School of Law, where he was a John Ben Snow Root Tilden Scholar; he was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1959 and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Gerald N. Jacobowitz is a senior partner in Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, working in Environmental/Land Use, Real Estate, Municipal Law, and Business Law; he has been village and town attorney for municipalities throughout the Hudson Valley and, on behalf of his private clients, has helped bring to fruition numerous successful projects; and

WHEREAS, Widely respected in his profession, Gerald N. Jacobowitz has been a leader in the organized bar as a member of the New York State Bar Association, Municipal Law Section in which he has been a member of the

Executive Committee since 1982, secretary, second and first vice-chair, and chair from 1993-1995; he is an original co-editor of THE MUNICIPAL LAWYER, the official publication of the Section; he is also a member of the Orange County Bar Association, where he served as president, director, treasurer and vice-president, and is also the original co-editor of THE ORANGE COUNTY LAWYER, the official publication of the Orange County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Long committed to community service, Gerald N. Jacobowitz served as a founding director of Orange County Pro-Bono Legal Services, Inc., and has continued to serve as a member of the Orange County Planning Board since 1997; in addition, he has served as a director of Home-town Bank of the Hudson Valley, formerly known as the Walden Federal Savings and Loan Association, for forty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Gerald N. Jacobowitz was vice chairman of the Orange County Charter Revision Commission from 1994-1996; he also serves as a director of the Meyer and Lillian Jacobowitz Charitable Foundation and he is a founding director and served as president of the board of directors for the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan from 2010-2012; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor attorney Gerald N. Jacobowitz upon the celebration of his 50th year of legal practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald N. Jacobowitz.